

REMARKS

In the Official Action mailed on **November 8, 2004** the Examiner reviewed claims 1-21. Claims 1-3, 8-10, and 15-17 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Jones, Jr. (USPN 6,788,122, hereinafter "Jones"). Claims 4-7, 11-14, and 18-21 were objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §102(e)

Independent claims 1, 8, and 15 were rejected as being anticipated by Jones.

Applicant has amended independent claims 1, 8, and 15 to include allowable limitations from dependent claims 7, 14, and 21, respectively. Dependent claims 7, 14, and 21 have been canceled without prejudice.

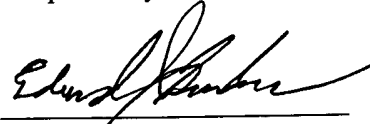
Hence, Applicant respectfully submits that independent claims 1, 8, and 15 as presently amended are in condition for allowance. Applicant also submits that claims 2-6, which depend upon claim 1, claims 9-13, which depend upon claim 8, and claims 16-20, which depend upon claim 15, are for the same reasons in condition for allowance and for reasons of the unique combinations recited in such claims.

CONCLUSION

It is submitted that the present application is presently in form for allowance. Such action is respectfully requested.

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